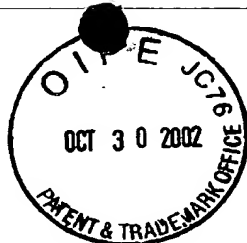


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Yoshifumi IWATA : EXAMINER: MCCAMEY, A.
SERIAL NO: 09/987,879 :
FILED: NOVEMBER 16, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2833
FOR: MOUNTING STRUCTURE FOR
VEHICLE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BOX

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please amend Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 and add new Claims 7-11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A mounting structure for a vehicle electrical connection box,
comprising:

a protruding member provided to a box body of the electrical connection box and
positioned to receive an impact from a first direction; and